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SUBJECT: PROVISIONS FOR NGO PARTICIPATION IN WFC

1. HANS DALL, FAO FREEDOM FROM HUNGER COORDINATOR, NOW APPOINTED BY WFC SECRETARIAT AS PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR NGO AFFAIRS AT THE WFC. DALL ATTEMPTING COORDINATE SECRETARIAT EFFORTS RE NGOS, MUCH OF WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN SPLIT BETWEEN NEW YORK, ROME AND IN SOME CASES GENEVA.
  2. SIX HUNDRED NGO GROUPS, MOSTLY OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER, HAVE BEEN INVITED TO WFC. WORD BEING SPREAD INFORMALLY THAT OTHER NGOS INTERESTED ATTENDING CONFERENCE SHOULD REQUEST LETTER OF INVITATION. INVITATION TO CONFERENCE, HOWEVER, DOES NOT ENSURE ACTUAL ATTENDANCE OR SEAT AT PLENARY OR COMMISSION SESSIONS.
  3. INVITED NGOS CAN ATTEND PLENARY OR COMMISSION SESSIONS AS OBSERVERS. THIRTY TO 50 SEATS FOR NGOS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED EACH FOR PLENARY AND COMMISSIONS. THIS PROVIDES POSSIBILITY FOR 90 TO 150 SEATS AT ANY TIME. TO DATE, NO
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FIXED ARRANGEMENT ARRIVED AT FOR DISTRIBUTION SEATS. CURRENT

INCLINATION IS TO ALLOCATE TIME ON FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVE BASIS EACH DAY. SECRETARIAT SWARE THIS DIFFICULT SYSTEM AND TRYING TO ARRANGE MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION WHICH MIGHT PROVIDE FOR SOME RESERVED SEATS.

4. NGOS IN PLENARY WILL HAVE OBSERVER STATUS AND NOT BE ABLE TO SPEAK DURING SESSION. HOWEVER, IN COMMISSIONS NGOS WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE ORAL STATEMENTS OF SHORT DURATION, PREFERABLY AS GROUP ACTION OR REPRESENTING MANY ORGANIZATIONS. IN ADDITION, WRITTEN STATEMENTS NOT EXCEEDING 500 WORDS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO SECRETARIAT FOR TRANSMISSION IN FIVE LANGUAGES. AGAIN, STATEMENTS REPRESENTING LARGE NUMBERS OF GROUPS WILL RECEIVE PREFERENCE FOR TRANSLATION FACILITIES OVER THOSE REPRESENTING SINGLE GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS. OTHER FACILITIES ALSO PROVIDED FOR NGOS INCLUDE NGO LOUNGE OUTSIDE PLENARY HALL, AND BRIEFING ROOM ADJOINING LOUNGE. BOTH FACILITIES ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE UPWARDS 200 PEOPLE EACH. NGO LOUNGE ALSO WILL HAVE CLOSED CIRCUIT TV TRANSMISSION FROM PLENARY AND COMMISSIONS.

5. ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS NOW BEING FINALIZED. HOWEVER, DALL AND FAO/FFH NEW TO JOB AND HAVE MASSIVE TASK AHEAD OF COORDINATING NGO INTERESTS. STEERING GROUP OF CONCERNED NGOS NOW AT THIRD PREPCOM ALREADY FORMED TO DEAL WITH DALL AND FFH OFFICIALS. LARRY MINEAR OF CHURCH WORLD SERVICE A MEMBER OF GROUP. DALL'S ORGANIZATION WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES WITH ORGANIZED NGOS SUCH AS US WORLD HUNGER ACTION COALITION. MAJOR LIMITING FACTOR IS TOTAL LACK OF FUNDS IN FAO OR SECRETARIAT FOR NGO ACTIVITIES. ARRANGEMENTS DESCRIBED ABOVE BEING CARRIED OUT UNDER SEVERE BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS. EXPECT DALL TO BE SOLICITING FUNDS BOTH FROM GOVERNMENTS AND NGOS, IF NECESSARY.

6. FAO STILL PUSHING IDEA OF SEPARATE NGO MEETING OF 3-4 DAY DURATION DURING WFC. WHILE FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERIOUS PROBLEM, THIS IDEA GAINING APPROVAL BY NGOS AND SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS.

7. S/WF STAFF IN CONTACT WITH DALL AND WILL CONTINUE PROVIDE INFORMATION AS AVAILABLE. DALL ALSO APPRISED OF SERIOUS US UNCLASSIFIED

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GOVERNMENT INTEREST IN NGO ACTIVITIES RE WFC AND HAS SUGGESTED STRONG CONSIDERATION FOR RESDRVED SEATING FOR FEW WORLD HUNGER ACTION COALITION OFFICIALS SHOULD RESERVED SEATING ARRANGEMENT BE POSSIBLE.

8. REQUEST THIS MESSAGE BE PASSED TO HERBERT WATERS, DIRECTOR, AMERICAN FREEDOM FROM HUNGER FOUNDATION AND WORLD HUNGER ACTION COALITION. END

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